

## UTAH DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

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August 17, 2004

## Dear Livestock Producer:

You have probably heard through the media or other means that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is once again making available excess supplies of nonfat dry milk (NDM) for use in a Livestock Feed Assistance Program. In order to participate in the program, USDA requires the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF) to enter into an MOU to determine eligibility and assist with the distribution of the commodity. A Herd Certification Form has been enclosed for this purpose. Please fill out and forward as directed, if you wish to participate in the program.

This notice is being sent to you using the data base names from the Utah National Agricultural Statistics Service. Criteria established by USDA determined that foundation livestock owners in the following counties would be eligible to receive the product. The counties are: Box Elder, Cache, Rich, Summit, Beaver, Iron, Garfield, Washington, Kane and San Juan. Eligible foundation livestock include beef cattle, sheep, goats and buffalo that were owned or in your control, as of July 16, 2004. Foundation livestock is defined as a herd kept for the sole purpose of breeding and reproduction. Dairy, poultry, swine and fish are currently excluded and not eligible for this program.

Once we receive your herd certification form, we will calculate the amount of NDM you are eligible to receive based on your herd size and USDA recommended rations and then return a NDM voucher to you. This year, the amount of NDM is calculated at: number of head of livestock X 2 lbs./day (or ½ lb. for sheep & goats) X 30 days X 75%. Example: 1000 head of beef cattle X 2 lbs. X 30 days X 75% = 45,000 pounds or 818 bags. The NDM product is delivered in 55-pound bags, and a truckload consists of 750 bags.

After you receive your voucher, you may barter with a feed dealer (from a list that dealers that will be provided at a later date or posted on our webpage) or you may elect to receive the product for yourself. In the later case, due to changes in this year's program, your allocation will need to be large enough to receive a full truck load (approximately 42,000 #'s) or combine with a group of producers in your area to make up a full truck load. One of the producers would then have to be willing to sign the NDM Restricted Use Sales Agreement (Form CCC-334) and comply with the requirements for participation and ordering the product. A copy of this form and further instructions can be found on our website under the heading of **2004 NDM Feed Program**. The NDM can be bartered, and it has been suggested the product be valued at a minimum of \$80 per ton. The terms of any trade agreements are between you and the manufacturer/dealer. The UDAF will forward more information about how to utilize the voucher once we receive your herd certification form.

If you have any questions, please contact us at 801-538-7103, or visit our website at www.ag.utah.gov.

Sincerely,

Cary G. Peterson Commissioner

## UDAF Nonfat Dry Milk (NDM) Emergency Livestock Feed Program 2004 Herd Certification Form

Please fill out this Herd Self-Certification Form and return it to the Utah Department of Agriculture & Food (UDAF). A **faxed form is preferred**, but a mailed form will also be accepted at:

2004 NDM Livestock Feed Assistance Program
Utah Department of Agriculture and Food
P.O. Box 146500
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-6500

Tel: 801-538-7103 ◆ Fax No. 801-538-7126 ◆ www.ag.utah.gov

Email: kylestephens@utah.gov

This form must be received in the UDAF office or postmarked by September 15, 2004 in order for you to participate in the program.

Eligible foundation livestock include beef cattle, bison, sheep, and goats that were owned or in your control **as of July 16, 2004**. Foundation livestock is defined as a herd kept for the sole purpose of breeding and reproduction. Eligible producers are those that own, or have control of eligible animals, and who have a USDA mailing address within these 10 counties: *Box Elder, Cache, Rich, Summit, Iron, Beaver, Garfield, Washington, Kane and San Juan*.

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## **Herd Self-Certification Form**

Only One Certification per Livestock Operation

County:
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Form must be filled out Accurately and Completely No voucher will be issued without a signature on this form.